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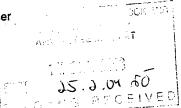
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Communication of notices of opposition (R. 57(1) EPC)

Notice of opposition has been filed within the opposition period by:

01. Freiberger Compound Materials GmbH/Am Junger Löwe Schacht 5/09599 Freiberg/DE//

The notice of opposition indicated above has been already communicated to you.

You are requested to file your observations within a period of 4 months from notification of this communication.

You may also file amendments, where appropriate, to the description, claims and drawings within the period specified. One set of these documents is to be filed.

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